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Flagstaff's Four New Goals Regarding Water

Flagstaff, Ariz. --- There has been much discussion and debate regarding the Flagstaff Regional Plan of 2012, which includes 17 elements of improvement for the city. However, during the last few months, possibly the most important element has been up in the air for discussion... Water!

The Citizen Advisory Committee decided on four new water goals that may be a part of the Flagstaff Area Regional Plan update and up to votes in the year 2012. These goals currently include:

 Develop a sustainable water budget incorporating regional hydrology, ecosystem needs, and social and economic well-being

Interpretation: Making sure the City has a long-term water resources master plan that takes into account the needs of the community and of the surrounding natural ecosystem

2. The City manages a coordinated system of water, wastewater, and reclaimed water utility service facilities and resources and indentifies funding to pay for new resources.

Interpretation: The city needs to be fiscally responsible when planning and coordinating its water, wastewater, and reclaimed water systems in order to provide the highest level of services the most prudent way.

3. Satisfy current and future human water demands and needs of the natural environment through sustainable and renewable water resources and strategic conservation measures.

Interpretation: Making sure that the Flagstaff water supply will not only support the present generation, but will also support the projected future population as defined within the Regional Plan. Ideas to support the water needs of our community include water resource planning, increased water conservation, that should include building technology to more efficiently capture and use rainwater and greywater while investing in water resources and infrastructure in the future as the needs arise.

4. Avoid leap-frog development by logically enhancing and extending public water, wastewater and reclaimed water services including their treatment, distribution, and collection systems in both urbanized and newly developed areas of the City.

Interpretation: Constructing businesses, housing, and other buildings closer together compact growth will allow us to be more efficient with operating and maintaining our water and wastewater infrastructure systems. .

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